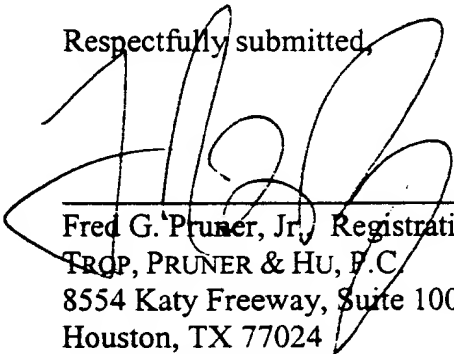


REMARKS

In a Final Office Action mailed on November 14, 2003, the Examiner indicated that claims 20-27 were withdrawn from consideration as allegedly being directed to a non-elected invention. For purposes of expediting prosecution and placing the application in condition for allowance, this Amendment cancels claims 20-27. Applicant requests entry of this Amendment, as the amendment further narrows down the issues on appeal and requires no further consideration and/or search by the Examiner. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (PUG.0056US).

Respectfully submitted,

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